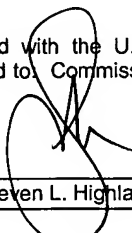




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2. We are also the Eric N. Olson and Akiko Arai named as authors of Arai *et al.*, "STARS, a Striated Muscle Activator of Rho Signaling and Serum Response Factor-Dependent Transcription," *J. Biol. Chem.* 227(27):24453-24459 (2002).
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